



Questions, answers and concerns:

1. Resident Pat Hammers thanked the Fire Department for their quick response to a car fire at Na Pueo Park.
2. Chair Moepono relayed that it was reported on the news that a house on Kulono Street received fire citations and that the citations may be sent to the Prosecutor's Office. In response, Capt. Souza stated that the citations are sent to the City Department of Planning and Permitting for enforcement..

Captain Dwight Souza was thanked for attending the meeting.

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT: Sgt. Nakama announced HPD is currently in transition changing to the new five-day/night schedule. He introduced Lt. Robert Chinen and Sgt. Eric Yosemite, who are currently on the five-night A Watch schedule (2:00 to 11:00 p.m.). The following report was given:

Statistics for the month of July 2006 included homicide 0, sex offenses 1, robbery 3, burglary 13, theft 61, UEMV (unauthorized entry into motor vehicle) 42, motor vehicle theft 4, assault 5, MVC (motor vehicle collision) 83, property damage 26, drugs/narcotics 2, family offenses 3, arguments 81, and DUI (drinking under the influence) 3.

Questions, answers and comments:

1. The statistics report is broken down by Beats, five for this Neighborhood Board's area.
2. Senator Chun Oakland expressed concerns for constituents regarding the recent copper thefts in the Liliha area during the daylight hours. The response was that detectives are handling the investigations. It was advised to be alert of strangers riding bicycles in one's area scanning homes. Once the copper is taken, bicycles are used to transfer the copper to the recycling center. Call 911 if you see anything suspicious. Sgt. Nakama added that HPD is taking preventative measures by confiscating illegal bikes to decrease the transport of copper.
3. Chair Moepono asked why the statistics for burglary, UEMV, and property damage has have doubled since June 2006. Sgt. Nakama replied the increase is not from one factor, and could possibly be criminals from other districts. The location of Board area Beats are: 570-Likelike to Kamehameha Shopping Center, to Palama; 571 – Lanakila to Pali Highway below Wyllie Street; 572 – Waokanaka Street to Judd Street.
4. Sgt. Costa is on the day watch and will no longer be attending the Board's meeting. The Board conveyed their appreciation to him for the many years of attending the Board's meeting representing HPD.
5. Representative Corrine Ching reported a rash of graffiti all over the district. To her understanding the graffiti was done in one night a couple of weeks ago.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

Old Concerns:

Na Pueo Park Extension of Park Hours – Chair Moepono explained that the Board made a mistake taking action on this item the other month when it was not properly posted on the agenda. She is waiting for a response from the City's Corporation Counsel on proceeding. She stated that she will be recommending to the Board that the action taken in June be rescinded or voided.

Residents in opposition to the extended hours for the park expressed the following opinions:

1. Burt Lau stated he sent a letter to Corporation Counsel informing them that the Board had violated the "Sunshine Law" by voting on the extended park hours, which was not on the agenda. He emphasized that his proposal was to allow dogs with leashes into the park, not to extend the park hours and did not know the issue was to be addressed by the Board. He commended the Board for having two representatives from Subdistrict 2 that represents him. Lau stressed the importance of adhering to the "Sunshine Law." It was added that Na Pueo Park is beautiful, but it is an attractive nuisance with previous problems

occurring. If the park is closed at 8:00 p.m., HPD can then ask park users to leave. Area residents fear retaliation if calling 911 prior to the park's closure time. Lau asked that this issue of extended park closure hours be put on the Board's September agenda to rescind action of the Board.

2. Chair Moepono explained that at the Board's June 2006 meeting the agenda listed the subject as requesting the park sign to be changed to reflect the original intent of the park to allow leashed dogs into the park. She added that the Board was presented with a petition signed by area residents of 178 signatures. The petition requested the sign change and the extension of hours. The motion made addressed the petition and its two requests. She recounted the correspondence with Mr. Lau and Pat Hammers via email where she stated that she would ~~to~~ recommend to the Board to rescind the vote and start from square one in September as the deadline for this meeting's agenda had passed. She noted that the signage has already been changed to allow leashed dogs in the park. She agreed that the Board's action to extend the park hours was in violation and the resolution should be rescinded. She reiterated that she is awaiting clarification from Corporation Counsel on how to proceed.
3. Linda Nagamine said that the petition was started to reflect the original intent of the park to allow dogs. She contacted Councilmember Rod Tam's office and spoke with Al Canopin. In the process he suggested having the park hours changed and extended. The time change for the park was on the petition form provided by Canopin. She stated many residents objected to the extended park hours and crossed it out of the sheet that they signed. She emphasized that it was not their intent to change the park hours.
4. Ben Borthwick expressed concern and suspicion that no one living next to Na Pueo Mini Park was consulted.
5. Burt Teruya, a neighbor of Na Pueo Mini Park, mentioned that a concrete wall surrounds the park and asked if people sitting on the wall making loud noises could be cited after park hours. HPD's response was that the sidewalk is public property. Chair Moepono added that Kunawai Park had a similar situation regarding the rock walls surrounding the pond and the park. At one time HPD said the walls were not under park jurisdiction and were part of the street and that they could not cite people sitting on the walls after the park and pond closed. We then obtained confirmation from the City Department of Parks and Recreation that the walls were part of the park and the pond. HPD was notified that anyone on the wall could be cited. Teruya suggested a fence be built around the wall. He additionally reported that an area resident disposes of his personal trash in the park's receptacles and wanted to know if this is legal. Chair Moepono referred the Na Pueo Mini Park concerns to Mayor's representative Debbie Morikawa: (a) whether or not the park's wall is part of the park, so can HPD cite; (b) is the violator disposing person trash in park receptacles breaking the law; and (c) should the Board request more frequent trash pick up at the park so the trash receptacles are not always full.
6. Mr. Fong asked if HPD can cite people for drinking in the park and on the wall. ~~In~~ HPD's response was that the person can be cited or arrested. One could also be arrested for disturbing the peace if acting disorderly. Mayor's representative Morikawa said that, to her understanding, HPD officers must observe and witness the person consuming or opening an alcoholic beverage, which was affirmed by HPD.
7. The 8:00 p.m. closure signs are still posted.
8. A question was raised as to who is responsible for locking the park gate at night. Lau replied it was previously a Mr. Rodenhurst, who passed away. Recently an HPD officer closes the gate.
9. Mrs. Borthwick asked what was the procedure used in getting the petition signed. She was not approached to sign the petition. The only time she saw a crowd at Na Pueo Mini Park was on the Fourth of July. She mentioned that the shrubbery is very high at the park.
10. Irene Lau was angered because with the organization of the petition not separating the two issues (dogs and hour extensions). She spoke with a Rod Chun from the City Department of Parks and Recreation who informed her that the new extended hours signage is not complete.
11. Chair Moepono relayed that a new Board rule regarding petitions and agenda items requests will be set. She explained that this is probably the first time this Board had received a petition since she has been chair. Future requests must be put in writing and submitted to her three weeks in advance for proper

review. ~~time~~ Pat Hammers commented she had not seen the petition. Uehara provided Hammers with a copy of the petition.

12. Pat Hammers added that HPD officers patrol the park between 8 and 9 p.m. She has not seen officers' patrolling since the lock for the gate has been broken. Lt. Yosemite will follow up with HPD's command requesting a combination lock. A combination lock is better because in case of an emergency the fire department would have to be notified and have access to the park if it is closed. He asked for a letter from the Board requesting the combination lock. Chair Moepono stated that a letter would require a Board action. She said that this request will be placed on next month's agenda.
13. Uehara explained the extent of Councilmember Rod Tam's office involvement relative to the petition was to assist and provide requested petition forms. To help the Alewa Heights residents, Al Canopin acted as a private individual not representing the Councilmember's office. The office took no position on the matter.
14. Regarding a request to see the original petition at the NCO office, Chair Moepono explained the original petition was given to the previous Neighborhood Assistant and was to have been forwarded to the City Department of Parks and Recreation. Uehara added that the park times on the petition were crossed off by some signors.
15. Fowler commented the petition was done in good faith. It is easy to skip some residents passing out flyers, etc.
16. A resident stated that the petition is not valid. Chair Moepono reiterated that the issue would be discussed at next month's meeting.

Residents were thanked for attending the meeting.

Update on Kamalii Street regarding Tea House Parking – Willa Donnelly reported illegal parking on an unimproved sidewalk area at the bus stop across from Natsunoya Tea House on Makanani Drive when the teahouse has parties. Valets for the teahouse point out the no parking areas to the patrons. Several people feel that they don't have to obey the laws, since there are no signs. This causes a hazardous situation for residents who must walk on the street when cars are illegally parked. Debbie Morikawa, of the Mayor's Office, said that the City Department of Transportation Services' position on the matter that it's illegal to park there by ordinance, so there is no need for a sign. She will follow up. Donnelly suggested installing an approved obstacle, such as a tree, to deter illegal parking.

1861 Kualono Street Vector Problem – It was reported that correspondence sent to the property owner was returned. Work is being done with the Attorney General for what appropriate action is to be taken next. HFD cited the owner for fire hazards, which will be sent by the City to the Prosecutors Office. Mayor's Representative Morikawa will follow up.

Helicopter Flight Pattern Over Neighborhood Board Area – Katie Churchey, of Representative Ching's office, reported she spoke with Tom Cesarz, Office Manager for the Honolulu Control Facility, who informed her that flight patterns have not changed. Sometimes due to the high humidity and thickness in the air the noise levels sound louder. Depending on the altitude of the planes, noise can be deceiving. Queen's Medical Center has recently purchased a bigger and better helicopter for medical evacuations. To report noise complaints regarding aircrafts, call 840-6100 with specific times and circumstances.

Questions, answers and comments: A comment was reiterated that when reporting noise complaints to the FAA, be specific with the time, flight number (if available), and the company name or number on the aircraft if visible from the ground.

Katie Churchey was thanked for attending the meeting.

8:41 p.m. Glanstein departed (9 members present).

Na Pueo Park Responsibility of Trees – Governor's representative Oliva reported it is yet to be determined whose property sits outside of area of the trees. Mayor's representative Morikawa reported the concern was

referred to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) relative to disconnected tax map keys (TMK). She will do a site visit.

Questions, answers and comments: Chair Moepono asked if the Department of Parks and Recreation was contacted of what was previously done to clean the park. This item will be placed on the September agenda.

Henry Oliva and Debbie Morikawa were thanked for their reports.

NEW CONCERNS:

Approve Request for Stop Sign on Lanakila Avenue at Keola Drive –Spencer Higa asked if any progress has been made with the request for the stop sign. Chair Moepono replied the request was made to put the item on the agenda and no action has been taken at this point. Higa stated safety is the main concern. Thomas Oshiro agreed and added he also agrees with the Kuakini extension. Both residents were opposed to installing a stop sign at Lanakila and Keola Drive. They stated that a stop sign would cause more problems. This is why the community has supported the Kuakini extension.

Questions, answers and comments:

1. Uehara asked if there are problems at the intersection regarding accidents, etc. Oshiro answered speeding on Lanakila Avenue. However, he thinks the stop sign would be of no help. Uehara wanted to know if the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is planning to extend the white line on the roadway. Francis Nishimura agreed with Oshiro and is in favor of the Kuakini extension. Chair Moepono relayed that the Kuakini extension is currently in negotiations to resolve the two remnant parcels that the City does not want. She urged the residents to send letters to the City and the State in support of the project.
2. In addition, Nishimura said the residents have valid concerns relative to the stop sign. However, comments from engineers, accidents at the intersection may increase because of the stop sign. The Department of Transportation (DTS) did not want to implement a four-way stop at this intersection. He stated he does not want residents lives endangered. He suggested the Board send a strong message to DTS asking them to focus on the Kuakini extension, which is supported by the community.

Nitta moved and seconded by White to support the request for a stop sign at the intersection of Lanakila Avenue and Keola Drive. The motion failed to carry, 0-8-1. Aye: 0, Nay: 8 (Kuo, Uehara, Kam, Moepono, Nitta, White, Fowler, Stubbs), Abstention: Fong.

Illegal Activities, Prostitution – Chair Moepono reported used condoms found in the Puu Kamalii Cemetery, O'ahu Cemetery, Judd Street and in the Namauu Drive area. She asked HPD if patrols could be increased.

Questions, answers and comments:

1. People have been seen entering the Puu Kamalii cemetery after 10 p.m.
2. She mentioned that the Downtown Neighborhood Board is trying to expand the "no prostitution zone" in their board area up to Vineyard Boulevard, which is adjacent to the designated downtown Weed and Seed.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Iris Oda reported the following:

1. There were four water main breaks for the month of July: a) July 12 - 6" cast iron main (78 years old) on Makanani Drive; b) July 19 - 6" cast iron main (76 years old) at Alewa Drive; c) July 23 – 6" cast iron main (75 years old) on Kealia Drive; d) July 29 – 6" cast iron main (75 years old) at Judd Street. As the useful lifespan of the current water mains ends, BWS is spending million of dollars to replace them to insure reliable water service and help prevent main breaks. This is just one of the many ways BWS continues to be stewards of O'ahu's precious water.
2. General Water Announcements:

- BWS wants to remind you it is never too late to put your hurricane preparedness kit together. An important component of any kit is a safe drinking water supply. A handout with tips on how best to get potable water stored in your home was available for interested persons to review.
 - Bill Stuffer – Water Rate Increase Information: Beginning July 15 through September, all water bills will include a bill stuffer on the water rate increases that were adopted by BWS and will go into effect on October 1. The bill stuffer will show the revised water rate schedule and explain the need for the increases.
 - BWS Information Session for Neighborhood Board Members – The yearly BWS information session for Neighborhood Board members is tentatively set for Saturday, September 30, 2006, at the Memorial auditorium from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.. It is a chance for Board members to learn about how the BWS continues to work to provide “Water for Life.” Board members can expect a letter or email from BWS within the next month with more information.
3. Water Conservation Tip – While fertilizers promote plant growth, they also increase water consumption. Apply the minimum amount of fertilizer needed.
 4. For more information contact the BWS Customer Service Department at 748-5000 or Iris Oda at 748-5946.

Questions, answers and comments:

1. In response to a previously asked question regarding the water project on Kamehameha Heights, special reducing valves are being installed on properties. Per a letter received in 2003, the project was delayed until this year.
2. Oda was not sure why surveyors were out last Saturday on Kamalii Street and if it is a BWS project. She added the sewer department comes under Department of Environmental Services.
3. Follow up will be done regarding better road patching needed from Kalihi Street from Middle Street to Nimitz Highway. Follow up will be done.
4. She stated that the trees previously discussed at Na Pueo Park might be located on the BWS reservoir property. Follow up will be done relative to the overgrown trees near the water reservoir at Na Pueo Park and ownership of the surrounding land in the lower main park. Follow up will be done if the property is owned by BWS.

Iris Oda was thanked for attending the meeting.

Councilmember Rod Tam – Claude Uehara circulated the written report and highlighted/added the following:

1. Bill 65 (2006) relating to prostitution, was introduced by Councilmember Tam, would expand the prostitution free zone to include the Chinatown area. The current prostitution free zone area that was established in 2000 includes areas bounded by Punchbowl Street, H-1 freeway, Nimitz Highways, and Nu’uanu Avenue. This bill would expand the westbound boundary to extend past Nu’uanu Avenue to River Street. The bill is not on the August 16, 2006 Council meeting. Hope is to sunshine this item on the Council’s Committee agenda per the request from area residents and area legislators.
2. Bill 64 (2006), relating to parking of vehicles, introduced by Councilmember Barbara Marshall, would require the Police Department or the Department of Customer Services to immediately remove vehicles left within 500 feet of any school zone once the vehicle is determined to be abandoned or derelict.
3. Kuakini Street Extension – There is no update on this project because the City has not received any official response from the State Department of Land and Natural Resources regarding their request for a partial conveyance of the land necessary for the project.
4. Board of Water Supply Liliha Street Project – Updated information has been received on the projects for Liliha Street: Phase A, which included Liliha Street from King Street to School Street has been cancelled due to failure to obtain the necessary permits from the State Department of Transportation; Phase B,

which is Liliha Street between School Street and Judd Street is scheduled for construction in early 2007. This is important in that the City will be unable to resurface Liliha Street until completion of the project.

5. The administration has anticipated that the Kunawai Neighborhood Park refurbishment and reconstruction of the recreation building will go out to bid for construction in December 2006. No response has been received relative to ownership of the mauka wall or the inclusion of the security gates as part of the project.
6. The deadline for agencies and organizations to apply for \$10 million in Community Development Block Grants or \$4 million in Home Investment Partnership Funds is August 31, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. Non-profit organizations must have submitted the pre-qualification material to the city by July 14, 2006 in order to apply.

Claude Uehara was thanked for his report.

Mayor's Representative – Debbie Morikawa gave the following report:

1. Copies of the Mayor Hannemman's "Honolulu News" were circulated for interested persons to review.
2. Overgrown trees beyond the wall of Na Pueo Park – Henry Oliva provided two TMK numbers, but the Department of Planning and Permitting was unable to determine the location of the complaint based on the TMK listings. Further information is needed to identify the exact site referred to in the complaint relative to ownership of the parcel.
3. Installation of cameras at Kunawai Park/Pond to be monitored by private citizens – An informational handout referring to ROH2-32 (Revised Ordinances of Honolulu) was provided. HPD does not see any concerns with the Liliha Neighborhood Board obtaining, monitoring, and maintaining the cameras. HPD District 5 (Kalihi) would be willing to familiarize training for those volunteers, such as what to look for, when to call HPD, what kind of information to provide, etc. The State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), has a pilot program involving cameras at the Pali Look Out and Ehukai Beach Park. Akal Security monitors both locations, which calls HPD whenever any suspicious activity is observed. It was suggested the volunteers might want to speak with both organizations regarding the program.
4. Overgrown brush on 640 and 643 North Judd Street is causing pedestrians to step into the street. A Department of Planning and Permitting inspector investigated the complaint on July 10, 2006 and observed that branches from the private plants are extending into the sidewalk area. A notice of violation was issued on July 11, 2006. She also reported that there is no such address as 640 N. Judd Street.
5. Holes on the walkways on Lanakila Avenue (Diamond Head and Ewa side) where pedestrians can get injured – An inspector for the Department of Planning and Permitting surveyed the sites and found that the asphalt walkways and concrete sidewalk area on both Lanakila Avenue and Houghtailing Streets are deteriorated, cracked, and sunken. A work order has been submitted to the Department of Facility Maintenance, Road Division for repair. A portion of the driveway on Lanakila Avenue that leads to Lanakila Playground is deteriorated. A referral was sent to the Department of Parks and Recreation, Maintenance Support Services for repair.
6. No "No Parking" signs on Mekanani Drive – Section 15-14 of the City's Traffic Code prohibits stopping or standing on a sidewalk and no signs are required. The Statewide Traffic Code defines a "sidewalk" as that portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway and the adjacent property lines, intended for pedestrians. Residents should contact HPD for enforcement when they observe parking infractions. A handout was provided for interested persons to review.

Questions, answers and comments:

1. Wesley Fong reported shaved off roadway asphalt on Lolena Street near Kula Street. Morikawa replied that there has been a shortage of asphalt for over a month. According to Tesoro, the military must be serviced first.

2. Chair Moepono reported a downed curve arrow sign on Lolena Street at the hairpin turn, next to the rock wall with the steel guardrails near Lolena Place and the graveyard. Also reported was a Dead End sign hanging on Kamalii Street. Follow up will be done.
3. The City's green waste pick up schedule was available for interested persons to review.
4. Francis Nishimura reported a broken pedestrian activated signal crossing light on Lanakila Avenue, mauka of Kuakini Street, on the Ewa side of the t-intersection (near Lanakila Center, to cross Lanakila Avenue). Follow up will be done.

Debbie Morikawa was thanked for attending the meeting.

Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project Status – A representative was not present. He had sent an update that included a briefing would be held at Farrington High School on August 28, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Governor's Representative – Henry Oliva distributed the Governor's Update and a flyer about the 3rd Annual Women With No Limits Conference, Tuesday, August 29, 2006, Sheraton Waikiki Ballroom 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. He was available for questions.

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland – Senator Chun Oakland was not present at this time, however her written report was available for interested persons to review.

Representative Corrine Ching – Representative Ching was not present at this time, however her written report was available for interested persons to review.

Representative Dennis Arakaki – No representative present.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

Convalescent Center – No representative present.

Lanakila Rehabilitation Center – No representative present.

Maluhia/Leahi Hospital – No report.

St. Francis Medical Center – No representative present.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Support by Defend O'ahu Coalition – Organization chairperson, Ms. Choon James, presented the mission of the Defend O'ahu Coalition is protection the ocean, land and people. It represents the growing sentiments of island-wide citizens and groups who are saying "enough is enough". Members from the group come from all walks of life. The aims are to promote grass root input, infrastructural viability, protect the finite resources, and a cohesive island-wide plan. A petition is circulating. For more information log on to: www.DefendOahuCoalition.com.

Questions, answers and comments:

1. Other Neighborhood Boards attended are North Shore, Kahalu'u, and Koolauloa. The City expects to have a decision in October.
2. There is public access to Kawela Bay. However, certain areas are gated which is a big concern. The cost of units at Ocean Villas at Turtle Bay will start cost will be \$1.7 million.
3. Kuo asked isn't the area already a playground for the rich. The response was yes, but the coalition is trying to contain the damage to the area.

4. Council Chair Donovan Dela Cruz represents the area. According to Corporation Counsel, the issue should not be discussed. A simple suggestion is to reexamine the Environmental Impact Statement. Charles Djou chairs the Council's Planning and Zoning Committee.

Stubbs moved and seconded by Fowler to discuss a draft resolution on the matter at the Board's September meeting. The motion carried 9-0-0 (Kuo, Uehara, Kam, Fong, Moepono, Nitta, White Fowler, Stubbs).

Family U.S. Care L.L.C., Adult Care Center Presentation, Exploring a New Site – Atsuko Pritchard and Nobumi Nakamura, licensed caregivers, are seeking a location (rental space) with 1,000 square feet or more with two bathrooms and a kitchen in the Board's area for their adult care center. No formal agreement was met with the owner's of the previous chosen location. For more information contact Pritchard at (c) 285-5678 and Nakamura at (c) 275-7589.

Atsuko Pritchard and Nobumi Nakamura were thanked for attending the meeting.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Chair's Report: Chair Moepono reported she spoke with Long's consultant Michael Chu, who informed her that the traffic report is pending review by the City. Once the review is completed, Chu will return to the Board for a presentation.

Questions, answers and comments: 1) Uehara asked who are the developers? 2) Stubbs wanted to know who is doing the review because he has specific concerns (left turns off of Kuakini Street into the new Long's driveway). Uehara will do follow up.

Treasurer's Report – White reported the Boards FY2007 budget's Operating Account \$1520, Publicity Account \$1,359, and Refreshment Account \$120. For July 2006 expenditures in the Operating Account were \$55.75, leaving a balance of \$1,464.25, no expenditures in the Publicity Account leaving a balance of \$1,359, and no expenditures incurred in the Refreshment Account leaving the balance at \$120. The Treasurer's Report will be filed subject to audit.

Other Committee Reports:

I Love Liliha Festival Booth – Nitta reported receipt of a letter from Representative Ching regarding the I Love Liliha Festival on August 26, 2006. White will follow up with the banner and email all Board members. Chair Moepono mentioned Board volunteers would be needed to man the booth from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. She noted in the past Board members worked in pairs at two-hour shifts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next scheduled Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14 regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2006, at the Ma'ema'e Elementary School Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – Without objections, Chair Moepono adjourned the meeting at 9:58 p.m.

Submitted by,
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Reviewed by Secretary Rachel Glanstein & Chair Sesnita Moepopno.